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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1: [new] The Electronic Facilitation Venue (EFV) is a single integrated system with a collection of disparate elements: Information Management system designed and programmed for Data Mining, Dynamic User Processor Pool where processors can be allocated to users as needed, File and Directory Servers, and a Distributed Operating System (DOS) designed to make these element work together.

Claim 2: [new] The Architecture of the EFV DOS is [*Microkernel + Server*] where every machine element of the EFV is controlled by a small identical program [*Kernel*] supporting communication, object primitives, device I/O and memory management; built on top of these fundamentals is a collection of independent [*user-space*] processes running application programs.

Claim 3: [new] The machine elements of the EFV consist of a System Host, Database Server and Multi-Media Data Warehouse, Slim Client Servers, tied together by an Ethernet Backbone.